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MEMORANDUM FOR: Senior Team, J.I.S.  
[Redacted Box], CIG ✓  
CIG

Subject: Intelligence Terminology, JIC 383 Series

1. A meeting of the Senior Team with representatives of the CIG will be held at 1400, Tuesday, 26 August to continue discussion of intelligence terminology.

2. At the conclusion of the last meeting with the CIG representatives, there were 5 terms remaining to be defined, current, basic, staff, departmental and national intelligence. It was agreed that no further action would be taken by the JIS/CIG committee until the pending IAB meeting to consider revision of some of these terms was held. The group agreed to accept any revised IAB definitions of current, basic or staff intelligence; and to consider further the definitions of national and departmental intelligence.

3. The final IAB definitions of current, basic and staff intelligence are attached.

4. The steering member, Lt. Col. Dickey, presents the attached definitions of departmental intelligence for consideration by the JIS/CIG committee.

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IAB Approved Definitions

BASIC INTELLIGENCE - Factual intelligence which results from the collation of encyclopedic information of a more or less permanent or static nature and general interest which, as a result of evaluation and interpretation, is determined to be the best available.

CURRENT INTELLIGENCE - Spot information or intelligence of all types and forms of immediate interest and value to operating or policy staffs, which is used by them usually without the delays incident to complete evaluation or interpretation.

STAFF INTELLIGENCE - Intelligence prepared by any department or agency through the correlation and interpretation of all intelligence materials available to it in order to meet its specific requirements and responsibilities.

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I/D Definition

DEPARTMENTAL INTELLIGENCE is intelligence the production of which must be insured by a department or independent agency of the government to accomplish its mission.

Steering Member's (Lt. Col. Dickey) Definition

DEPARTMENTAL INTELLIGENCE - The intelligence needed by a department or independent agency of the Federal Government, and the subordinate units thereof, to execute their mission and to discharge their lawful responsibilities.

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DEPARTMENTAL INTELLIGENCE - All intelligence, including basic, current and staff intelligence, needed by a department or independent agency of the Federal Government, and the subordinate units thereof, to execute their mission and to discharge their lawful responsibilities.

*Definition dreamed up by*



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TO :

DATE: 26 June 1947

FROM : Chief, ICAPS

SUBJECT: Definition of Intelligence Terms

1. I agree that we must either consider that departmental intelligence and staff intelligence are synonymous or we must develop two definitions which clearly distinguish the one from the other.
2. The definition given in your attached memorandum does neither one nor the other.
3. If we are to distinguish staff intelligence from departmental intelligence, I offer for ICAPS consideration the suggestion that staff intelligence is all intelligence used by a department in its plans and operations. In addition each department is called upon from time to time to produce intelligence for another department. It is called upon because the intelligence falls within its field of dominant interest. This intelligence is not used by the drafting department as staff intelligence. If drafted in the War Department, however, it would properly be called War Department intelligence or more broadly "departmental intelligence." Q.E.D. departmental intelligence includes staff intelligence plus special request intelligence.

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TO : ALL ICAPS MEMBERS

DATE: 26 June 1947

FROM : 

SUBJECT: Definition of Intelligence Terms

At a Joint JIS-CIG meeting on 25 June 1947, I informed the meeting that the following definition, although not acceptable to me, would be submitted to CIG for its opinion:

Departmental Intelligence - The intelligence needed by a department or independent agency of the Federal Government, and the subordinate units thereof, to execute its mission and to discharge its lawful responsibilities.

I felt that this definition was not responsive to our use in inter-departmental meetings of the term in the sense that it referred to that intelligence allocated to a department from the basis of its predominant interest only. In addition, I felt that this definition was so closely akin to that of "staff intelligence" that to the ordinary layman no clear distinction could be made between the two.

Request your opinion on whether the above definition should be accepted.



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REMARKS:

Comment #1-SHERMAN.  
Concur with para 1, but  
proposed definition  
in para 3 is not  
clear to me. jrs

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Terminology file

I think that "staff"  
and "departmental" should  
be synonymous with  
regard to the intelligence  
drafted by a department  
within its sphere of  
dominant interest  
HCO

Comment #3  
Concur in #2. except, I  
believe it would be difficult  
to clearly define in all  
instances the "exact" sphere  
of dominant interest, and would  
delete this qualification.  
HCO

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Central Intelligence Group  
2430 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Intelligence Terminology

A list of the actions agreed upon with respect to each term discussed by the CIG representatives and the JIS is enclosed in duplicate for you and Capt. Watts.

*J. R. Phillips*  
J. R. PHILLIPS  
Acting Secretary

Enclosure: 2 cys abv lst.